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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED 11/15/05

Dear Sir:

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as per the attached claim amendment sheets.

Specifically, prior independent composition claim 15 and those that depended thereon have been cancelled herein in favor of newly written composition claim 32 and claims 33-43 dependent thereon. Claim 32 is a revised version of claim 15.

Re prior claim 15, previously the words "cockroach affecting" in the claim did not appear to have been given much, if any, patentable weight by the Examiner. See mention of Examiner interview response, below. Applicant has changed phrase herein to "insect-adhering," as found in the specification, see pages 2 and 3.

Applicant has further amended the limitations of independent claims 1 and 32 to recite "magnetized magnetic material." That may appear somewhat redundant at first sight. *Webster's II New Riverside University Dictionary* has as its second definition of "magnetic": "having the